

# THE BRANSON MAIL.

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### FARMERS INSTITUTE.

On Saturday afternoon last a meeting of this society took place. Mr. Nichol, president, occupying the chair.

Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Notice was given that Dr. Rutherford, M.P.P., would lecture before the Institute on "Horses" at an early date.

The chairman then called on S. A. Bedford to read his paper on the "Present Agricultural Depression," which was a continuation of the subject discussed at the last meeting.

Mr. Bedford said: Gentlemen, "It is my intention to make my paper a short one, and I shall be glad if any gentleman present will criticize it. I shall only throw out two or three suggestions. I am sure with No. 1 land at 50c, beef at 2c, and all other farm products at the same low figure the depression is to be partially accounted for. Several reasons are given for this state of affairs. In the matter of feed cattle, cold storage is greatly used and in consequence of this beef is brought to the Old Country from places like the Argentine Republic and other places in South America also very largely from Australia, some few years ago no one would have dreamed that this could be the case. To-day the wants of a nation are flashed across the electric wire and orders are filled for fresh consignments before the general public are aware that such wants exist. We cannot control the selling price and no effort of ours can increase it. But there is one thing we can control and that is our farming. Is it not a fact that we raise considerably better beef than they do in England and that on land that has been farmed for 200 or 300 years. To give you an instance of the difference, in farming I will tell you gentlemen what was done on the Experimental Farm this year. On a piece of land highly cultivated, manured and farmed as land should be, we raised 35 bushels to the acre, on another piece, in close proximity to the first, but farmed in a slovenly manner, we produced 18. The farmers try to cultivate too much land a 2 horse farmer farms a 4 horse crop. Loss by smut is great. From ten to twenty cents a bushel has been lost by this means. Few have never injured the reputation of Manitoba as much as smut. Some of the grain men in this city have informed me that they have lost as much as \$2,000 on a single shipment to England. The knowledge of the great prevalence of smut in Manitoba wheat has done it great injury. And yet from experiments I know and am positive that the remedy is blue stone.

Amongst the many foolish things the Manitoba farmers do, is that of burning up his straw and chaff. If you were to ask Mr. J. A. Christie to put all his saw dust and shavings in a pile and burn them he would laugh at you; and tell you that these things paid for a greater part of his running expenses. At the Experimental Farm we feed all our cattle on straw and chaff. We want to go more into diversified or mixed farming. A man who farms not far from Brandon said to me a year or two ago, that he had 220 acres in wheat and that it was all frozen. I asked him how many cattle he had. He answered one cow. Let the farmer follow the line he has the most taste for, in stock, dairy or fattening them. In feeding steers I will give you an instance of what we have done. We bought an animal from a farmer for \$24.75; this beast was 2 years and 7 months old; we kept it four months and sold it for \$49.00; so that in four months we made as much from the animal, less 50 cents, as the farmer did in 2 years and 7 months. It is simply disgraceful to see the cattle that are being killed here for beef.

Mixed farming is not only more profitable, but money comes in, every month in the year.

Mr. Bedford's paper met with great applause.

Mr. Wilson read a paper on the same subject.

The causes of the present depression are mainly to be found in failure of the crop and over production in other countries. I believe the cause here is the craze for wheat growing. The best crop in Manitoba during the last ten years has cost the farmer more than it sold for. Mixed farming is the only saviour. Too much dependence on one crop causes in case of failure, universal failure. Are the farmers of Manitoba, in the true sense of the word, farmers? I think not. Farmers want a deeper knowledge of their profession. The future generation should be taught agriculture at the public schools.

Mr. Wilson was greatly applauded. Mr. Nichol, the chairman, called on any gentleman present to give his views and discuss the subject.

Mr. Smith made a few remarks. Mr. J. Moulds, of Brandon Hills, said: I do not think wheat can be raised for less than 30 cents a bushel. I can sell wheat at that price. I find by cropping every year with wheat, the less what we grow. We hire labor for about eight months for about \$200. Why should we not hire the man for a year for \$220? It would be both better for him and for us. In the winter months he could look after the stock. If it was not for my stock I should not be farming in Brandon Hills to-day. I should have failed. Instead, I have been able to put my wheat money in my pocket and pay for my implements. I have never been in the hands of the loan companies and banks. I ask Mr. Bedford what kind of cow he would particularly recommend. Mr. Bedford: A real good shorthorn. As an instance of what can be done with a cow, seventeen years ago, when I came to this country, I bought a cow for \$30, sold her for more than \$60, and her stock for \$224.

Mr. J. A. Smith said: Any little money I make I make out of what the farmer usually burns up. Many people remark

on what good buildings I have. Well, I tried wheat growing, and that did not pay for them. But the cattle have. I see farmers burning up their old straw, and a large amount of farm stuff that I utilize. Any man who wants to buy a shorthorn bull from me always gets it, as he is a fixture in the country; but with a man who wishes to buy a stallion I make it a rule to find out his position, as he may leave at any moment.

Mr. C. Doran said he was sorry he had not been present at the last meeting. Mr. Waugh, of the Northwest Farmer - You can read it all in the Mail.

Mr. Doran said he had read it, and also a leading article in that paper entitled "Stop my paper," an article in which he entirely agreed. If Mr. Irwin thought it consistent with his position in the Mussey-Harris Company to muzzle the opinions of the farmers, he, for one, took exception to it. Some two or three years ago I advocated mixed farming, but wheat growing was then, as now, the craze. We have not a foot of land in the county of Brandon that does not require manure. I myself cannot consume all the crop this year. When others have stated they were raising thirty-five bushels to the acre, I was only getting twenty-four; yet to-day, strange to say, I am in a better position than the thirty-five bushel men. We are too much given to exaggeration. In regard to labor, it is a good idea to have a man all the year round. We are suffering from the fruits of our booming ideas. I read that 84 cents has been realized out of frozen grain by feeding pigs. I hope it may be so; but I consider the statement overdrawn, and should like to ask Mr. Bedford his opinion.

Mr. S. A. Bedford: From a test made on the experimental farm, we realized 49 cents from frozen grain in feeding pigs. The pigs were kept in a place that often went down to zero.

Mr. Postlethwaite: I farm on a more extensive scale than Mr. Smith. From a careful calculation my wheat has cost me delivered in Brandon, \$6.48 an acre. These are accurate figures. I have had a paying crop each year, except in '89. Mr. J. E. Smith's land is better adapted to stock than the land on the prairie. We are handicapped by not being able to buy in the best market.

Mr. R. Waugh, of Winnipeg: I take great interest in these meetings. The farmers, to make a success, must have good land, he must have a good crop, and he must sell in a good market. The long credit system is one of the curses of the country. If the farmer paid cash he could get his goods for 50 per cent. less. Why should he pay the implement man 60 per cent. above cost. But this is not the worst. The farmer gives the hotel keeper 30 times the actual cost for a glass of whiskey, and he never thinks of it.

Mr. Green made a few remarks, stating that he hoped to build up an industry in this country and Scotland. He mentioned that he had bought cattle in 1881 for \$30 and sold them the following year for \$50. There are lots of countries that are much safer for farm in than Manitoba. Manitoba can, however, raise cattle so cheaply that we can compete with the world. Thousands of dollars are paid out for poultry that are brought from Ontario and the States. Why is this?

Mr. Gregg, of the Farmers' Advocate, said: You cannot make money out of scribbles. You must have good cattle. Mr. Percival said: I think we as electors should elect, both at Ottawa and Winnipeg, such men as will carry out our views in getting a reduction of the tariff, particularly in regard to binding twine and implements and the raising of wheat.

A motion for adjournment was made and carried.

### Brandon Agricultural Society.

THE ANNUAL MEETING took place on Monday last the 12th inst., Mr. S. A. Bedford occupying the chair. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed.

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT dealt with the Industrial Society, and claimed that, owing to the depressed state of agriculture it was feared that the society could not be formed at present. It was recommended that the spring stallion show should be held. The financial stand of the society it was claimed was good.

On the motion of Mr. D. Wilson the report was adopted.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT showed that the receipts from all sources was \$1508.06; while the expenditure amounted to \$1,428.11, made up as follows: Cash prizes, \$708.25; buildings and grounds, insurance and interest, \$143.01; salaries, \$100; printing and other miscellaneous expenses, \$328.55. The assets of the society amount to \$6,065.05, while the liabilities were placed at \$2,968.49.

The auditors' report was accepted after considerable discussion on the part of those present.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

James Henderson, R. E. A. Leach, T. M. Percival, H. Nichol, D. T. Wilson, S. A. Bedford, J. A. Fisher, J. Mansfield, and Mr. Postlethwaite, with J. Bowles and the Mayor of the City as honorary members. Messrs. E. Hughes and J. S. Brafield were appointed scrutineers.

Mr. E. Hughes was appointed auditor on behalf of the society for the ensuing year.

ANNUAL FAIR.

Tuesday, the 13th of Dec., was the day chosen for the commencement of the annual fair. A proviso was inserted that the directors should have the power to

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after the date, should they deem it necessary, to any day a week earlier, or any day in the week following that date. The election of the fair was left to the discretion of the directors. Brandon was chosen as the place for holding it. A motion of adjournment was made and carried.

President..... S. A. Bedford.  
First Vice-President..... T. M. Percival.  
Second Vice-President..... J. Henderson.  
Directors..... G. Postlethwaite, H. Nichol, D. F. Wilson, J. Mansfield, J. E. Fisher, R. E. A. Leach.  
Secretary..... Not yet appointed.

### A TRAGEDY AT MELITA.

MELITA, Dec. 11th. - A serious stabbing affray took place twelve miles from town this morning. It was the result of a quarrel between two farmers, Henry Vaughan and Arthur Randall. Vaughan went out shooting rabbits, and about ten o'clock he was on Randall's place, who ordered him off. This led to an exchange of hot words, during which Vaughan drew his jackknife and seriously wounded Arthur Randall and fatally wounded the latter's brother George. George Randall's death was almost instantaneous. Vaughan is a highly respected citizen. He gave himself up to Constable Doode, of Melita. Randall was considered a quarrelsome man.

LATER.  
December 13th. - Detective Foster and James Duncan, J.P., returned this evening from the scene of the murder, and report that Randall is much improved and likely to recover. Detective Foster secured the deadly weapon, which is a white-handled knife with a keen blade about three inches in length. He also has in his possession the prisoner's gun. The scene of the murder indicates a desperate struggle, the snow being literally covered with blood. Dr. Thornton, coroner, arrived from Deloraine this evening, and will hold an inquest in the morning at Arthur Randall's place, where the body of George Randall now lies.

FULLER PARTICULARS.

Later reports of the stabbing affray go to prove that the stabbing was done in self-defence. Vaughan, the culprit, is a married man, with no family, and is an American. He immigrated to this country about five years ago, and settled on a homestead adjoining Randall's place. He is of a quiet disposition, but very hot tempered when roused. The Randall brothers are of a very quarrelsome disposition. Arthur Randall was married to a sister of Mrs. Vaughan's last summer, George, the younger brother, residing with him. The Randalls and Vaughan have never agreed, and their quarrel was the result of an old grudge. Vaughan was accused by Arthur Randall while crossing the latter's place, who called him a coward, and said he was

afraid to fight. Vaughan immediately threw down his gun, took off his coat, and attacked Arthur, who was soon joined by his brother George, when a general melee took place, during which Arthur Randall picked up the gun and broke it over Vaughan's head. It was after this that the stabbing occurred. Vaughan claims he drew his knife after he was thrown down and while the Randalls were on top of him, stabbing them from underneath, and, to use his own words, "they liked like stuck pigs." Another report from an eye-witness claims the stabbing was done while standing. They were both stabbed in several places. George walked about thirty yards and dropped dead. Arthur was able to reach his house, where he now lies in a very low condition. Vaughan repaired to his home, and informed his wife of what he had done, handing her the deadly weapon. He afterwards called on William Kilkenny, postmaster, Broom Hill, and asked to be brought in to Melita, where he gave himself over to the authorities.

INQUEST.  
A coroner's inquest will be held over the body of George Randall on the arrival of the coroner from Deloraine. The local and provincial authorities deserve great credit for their prompt action in the matter. Vaughan was met by the local authorities on their way out to arrest him, and Chief Foster, of the provincial police force, arrived here just twelve hours after the stabbing occurred.

LANGENBURG.

Mrs. H. C. Macdonald, of Wolverton, died very suddenly, leaving a husband and four small children to mourn their loss.

Several farmers near here have lost cattle, and have not succeeded in finding them; others have stray horses for which they cannot find owners.

Mrs. William Grassie has returned from a pleasant visit to Minnedosa and Postage is Prairie.

The early arrival of winter and the small hay crop of last season have caused the farmers of this district to take good care of their straw.

The grain buyer here reports the quality of wheat shipped this season to be better than for several years.

Two well born have been drilling for water near here lately, but one has now been moved to Maltaville district.

The formation of a Liberal Conservative Association here is being advocated by E. H. Meadows.

Rev. Mr. Bernhard and wife have returned from a visit to Winnipeg.

Mr. Linprecht has removed his family to Grotto.

Mr. Henry Bothe and Mr. Henry Scott are selling out, with the intention of moving, with their families, to the United States. Many more are said to be going in the spring, while others, who have gone, are said to be contemplating returning in the spring.













## A LAST WORD.

You have, of course, to make some expenditures in presents this season of the year; and, as times are hard, you want every cent to go as far as possible. We do not dictate as to the lines you should purchase, but if your fancy is for any of the undermentioned goods, we pledge you it will pay you well to go miles out of your way to inspect the stock in the "Mail" Bookstore, opposite Whitelaw's west end grocery, Day & Coldwell's brick block, Rosser avenue. Our special lines are:—

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## The Northwest Capital.

REGINA, Dec. 8.—A report was circulated on the night of the 1st inst. that a prisoner had escaped from the jail here, and your correspondent embodied in the report of that date without first seeing Gaoer Luman. Upon further enquiry, however, it was found that the prisoner escaped from the barracks jail but has since been recaptured and returned to close confinement. There has been no escape from the Regina jail since it was opened.

The young people did not turn out so well as might have been expected to the Quadrille club dance held last Friday night. Otherwise it was a perfect success.

The Leader has ceased to appear twice a week. It will in future be issued just once a week.

The ladies of Knox church intend holding a bazaar on the 14th and 15th insts. Mr. Peel, barrister of Grenfell was in town this week.

There is promise of being an exciting election to mayor this year. Dr. W. Loughby and Mr. T. C. Johnstone, barrister, are already soliciting votes for this office. Both are popular and influential men.

J. D. Sibbald, manager of the Western Milling company, has gone west on an other business trip.

The citizens are to have the pleasure of hearing a lecture by Senator Boulton next Tuesday evening on "Free Trade as applied to Canadian Commerce."

J. R. Reilly & Co. have sold out their entire business in this town, including the printing mill, lumber yard, etc., to Wm. Decker and D. Murphy. J. R. Reilly is going to the mountains to devote his whole time to the whole firm's interests there.

J. A. Kerr, hardware merchant, has removed into his new premises on South Railway street. The old store, one of the pioneer buildings of this place, has been torn down.

H. C. Lawson, of Lusk, A. Bayne, left this week for E. to extend the business of his firm there.

D. Cameron, head agent here for the Singer Sewing Machine company, has been arrested and is now in jail on a charge of embezzlement. Mr. Cameron has been living here now for about two years, and was one of the leading members of Knox church.

D. A. McDonald had the misfortune to be thrown from a horse on Wednesday, sustaining a severe wound in his leg. He had to have an operation performed.

## THE IRISH SPY.

A London cable says: There can be no doubt that Thomas Bouch, alias H. M. L. Caron, is a man who in his time has played many parts, and some of them are not pleasant ones which a man with a high regard for the world to exist up to fill. He spent at least for the British Government some time as a spy. He number of years, and a thought that may at times be a useful and necessary function, yet most people would prefer not to take it upon themselves.

There is also a fact for which L. Caron was employed was to keep a watch upon the Irish revolutionaries which were "out" with E. Caron, and it must be admitted that he carried out his share of the duty with a considerable degree of skill. He has only become a "head" center of the Fenian organization, but he was a faithful and regular contributor to the "Irish Republican" and many from his pen and the least suspicion of his true character.

He took in the shrewdest and shrewdest money in the Irish Brotherhood, from Mr. A. J. Sullivan to Mr. M. J. O'Donnell. He used all their secrets, was a guide to their plans, and regularly communicated information to the British authorities. It seems incredible that such a man as he with whom he associated was a spy, the treachery was never suspected by L. Caron.

Dr. Galtier, the dynamite expert, proposed to scatter terror all over the town, but over in command of the "Clan na Gael," and after two months had past he and three of his associates have been seized, tried and sentenced to penal servitude for life. The hand that pulled the wire was still invisible.

The only L. Caron was charged with "sedition," but he very soon turned the tables on his captors, and found himself deemed worthy to receive the confidence even of the late Mr. P. A. W.

It has been said that whenever three Irishmen are handed together in a conspiracy one is sure to turn out a traitor. But L. Caron was an Englishman, who had lived long in Paris, and assumed a French name, under which he served in the United States army during the war of the rebellion. His story was first told in full before the Parnell Commission in London. So far he has managed to elude the vengeance of his old friends—and dupes.

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## LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. J. Ingram, of Wawanesa, was in the city last week.

Dr. Anderson, of Wawanesa, was in the city last week.

J. C. Robinson was in the city for a few days last week.

Mr. F. T. Cope left last week on a business trip to Winnipeg.

The Rev. Mr. Lawson, of Glenboro, paid the city a visit last week.

Mr. Currie, of Currie & Mitchell, of Souris, was in the city last week.

Mr. Kelly, the ex-Mayor, returned from a trip to Winnipeg last week.

Mr. W. S. Parrish, grain merchant, paid a visit to Winnipeg, last week.

Wheat took another drop last week. 48 cents is the price for No. 1 hard.

A male and female patient were discharged from the Asylum last week as cured.

A car load of very fine Manitoba hogs were shipped to Vancouver by Messrs. Barchell & Hoxey last week.

The large plate glass windows have arrived for the Syndicate, Bell and Daly & Caldwell's block, and the contractors were busy placing them.

Master John Dolaney, while tearing along Rosser with his pair of dogs attached to his sleigh, met with rather a serious accident on Saturday last.

The City Treasurer, Mr. D. M. McMillan, lost a valuable pen in some office last week. He will be much obliged to any person returning the same.

We understand that Mr. Wm. Ferguson, of Brandon, will open in the liquor business at Moosomin. His wholesale store here will be continued.

The Operatic Society of Brandon have chosen for this season's performance, the popular opera "Ernani." They had their first practice on Saturday evening last.

Messrs. Daly & Caldwell have removed their offices to the rooms fitted up for them in their new block on Rosser. They are over the offices of the "Mail."

The farmers and others seem to be busy bringing in evergreens for Xmas. Quite a large number of sleighs were in town Monday loaded with spruce and other decorations.

Mr. Joseph Jackson and Mr. B. Laidlaw, machinists of this city have been engaged during the week putting new flues in the boiler of the McCulloch & Herriot mill at Souris.

Mr. P. E. Durs has withdrawn from the contest with Mr. Reesor for Aldermanic honors. Mr. Durs finds that he would not have sufficient time to devote to the city's interest.

Messrs. Hanbury & McNea closed down their planing mill and saw and door factory last Saturday night for some weeks during which time extensive improvements will be made.

Miss Emma Buchan, formerly of the Mirror, has been engaged by the Tribune to write up sections of the Province. She has already had an interesting article regarding some of the business houses in Brandon.

Contrary to expectations, the excursion business by the C. P. R. is much larger this year than ever before. People who wish good accommodation without chance of cars or annoyance from Customs officials patronize the Canadian route.

Miss Belle Robinson, formerly of Brandon, but who is now living in Winnipeg where she is a great favorite as a singer, has severed her connection with the Z. M. church choir, and will shortly be heard in the Holy Trinity church.

The plate glass window which is to be placed in the front of Miller & Co.'s dry goods establishment is claimed to be the largest on the continent, not barring those in the cities of the United States. This glass has 150 square feet in it and weighs 1,196 pounds and is 10x15 feet.

The C. P. R. tourist sleeping cars and Forney day coaches in connection with the excursions to Ontario are being largely patronized. A special tourist car from the accommodation of people from Brandon district leaves every Tuesday for Friday for Toronto without change. A special porter in charge.

A wedding took place on Thursday evening at the residence of the bride's father. The contracting parties were Mr. Arthur McInnis and Miss J. Powers, both of this city. It was a very happy and quiet affair, only the immediate friends of the young couple being present.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirchhoffer and Miss McDougall left last week for Winnipeg to attend the Cricketer's ball held there last Friday night. This ball was, from all accounts, a great success. It was held in the ball room of the Manitoba Hotel and the elite of Winnipeg and the province were present.

An interesting meeting of the Academy Literary Society occurred last Friday evening, the principal feature being a mock trial. The prisoner was, of course, found guilty. When asked by the Judge if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon him, he quickly rose to his feet and maintained that the charges made against him were false.

The large plate glass window for Miller & Co., which is mentioned in another item, came from St. Helens, Lancashire, England, via New York. The C. P. R. could not transport it to its destination owing to the height and the impossibility of its passing under their tunnels. We are sorry to say that the glass is cracked and it is more than probable that Messrs. Miller & Co. will have to duplicate their order. To whom the blame of this unfortunate accident is to be attached is at present in dispute. One thing is certain that all Brandonites will regret the accident, as Messrs. Miller & Co. have shown so much enterprise, and we have no doubt had the glass been put in its place their window would have been one of the attractions during Christmas week of the city.

Miss Patterson, who has been visiting friends in Ontario, has returned home.

Rev. Mr. Leslie, of Winnipeg, conducted the services at St. Mathew's church on Sunday.

H. Bewell, of the public school staff returned to his work last week, after being in the east.

A fur coat was stolen from Somerville's store in the Syndicate block the early part of this week.

Sunkel & Co. lost a pair of boots which some enterprising individual appropriated for his own use.

G. H. Gilchrist has moved his tailoring establishment into the premises lately vacated by Jno. Sproule, grocer.

The travelling agent for the Chicago, St. Paul and Omaha R.R., was in the city on Friday looking up business for his company.

The Rev. Geo. Rogers, late rector of St. Matthew's church, this city, conducted the service in St. Mark's church, Elkhorn, last Sunday week.

Mr. John Collum, of Griswold, has secured his license and will open a first-class hotel in that place at once. This will fill a much needed want.

There will be no election in Ward 4 for Alderman, Mr. J. C. Harrison having resigned. Mr. N. J. Halpin is now to be congratulated on Aldermanic honors.

McKelvie & Dunwoody were relieved of a con skin coat by some person who at present the Chief is very anxious to find and there is little doubt that he will do so.

The Rev. W. G. Henderson, of Zion church, Winnipeg, preached in the Methodist church last Sunday morning, and in the evening he with others addressed a missionary meeting.

The representative of the Toronto Empire, Mr. H. Manley, was in the city last week. He has done a good business in the province for the paper. Mr. Manley left last night for Regina and other portions of the Territories.

Sergt. Major Jarvis, of the N.W.M.P., passed through the city on Monday last on his way to his home in Toronto. He has had 15 years service in the force. Mr. Jarvis is a cousin of Mrs. Daly, wife of the Hon. T. M. Daly.

An old man of the name of Whitman, went into the Bonheur house, sat by the stove for two hours and when he left appropriated a fur coat. He went straight to the Jew's store and sold it for four dollars. He is now in the clutches of the Chief.

The members of Court Jubilee, No. 12, C. O. F., will attend Divine Service in the Methodist church here next Sunday, Dec. 18th, when the anniversary sermon will be preached. The members will assemble in the hall in McDiamond's block, on Rosser avenue at 10.15 a.m. Kindly attend. H. L. M. VINNING, R.S.

The Secretary of the Woman's Hospital Aid Society of Brandon acknowledges with thanks, the following donations:—

\$18 collected by Mrs. Shearer, Routhwaite, \$1 from Mrs. Stickle, Carberry, 1 pair blankets, value \$7.50 from Elkhorn through Mrs. Coombs, \$48.50 from Wawanesa, collected by Mrs. J. C. Robinson and Mrs. Storey.

Mr. Davin, Q. C., M.P., delivered his lecture "The British House of Commons as I know it," to a fair house on Thursday evening. The lecturer was as usual in good form and he kept the attention of his audience during the whole of the lecture. The A. O. C. W. should have made a considerable addition to their funds.

Prof. Donald Downie will give three of his illustrated lectures in the Opera hall between Christmas and New Years. Prof. Downie comes to Brandon under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. The subject are:—Tuesday, Dec. 29th, "Picturesque Japan," Friday, Dec. 30th, "London, Ireland and Scotland."

We are sorry to state that Senator Boulton is suffering from the effects of an accident which will make it impossible for him, much to his regret, to hold his lecture in Brandon to night, as by the orders of his Dr. he has to give himself complete rest. He went through to Winnipeg yesterday morning accompanied by his daughter, Miss Boulton. It is the hon. gentleman's intention to hold his lecture here at an early date.

## HOSPITAL NOTES.

We have been asked through the columns of the "Mail" to acknowledge with many thanks the very liberal gift of \$25 from W. A. Macdonald, M.P.P., and \$100 from the Municipality of Winchester.

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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given that George House, trading as House & Co., furniture dealer, of Rapid City, in the Province of Manitoba, made an assignment to me for the benefit of all his creditors on the 25th day of November, A.D. 1892.

A meeting of the creditors will be held at my office on Rosser ave., in the City of Brandon on the 19th day of December, A.D. 1892, at the hour of four o'clock in the afternoon, and you are hereby required to attend either in person or by representative.

All claims must be filed, accompanied by statutory declaration, within thirty days of the date of this notice; and to entitle any creditor to vote, his claim must be filed on or before the day of the meeting.

Dated at Brandon this 3rd day of Dec., 1892, W. H. HOOPER, Assignee.

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